

The FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

ESTABLISHED 1891

Capital \$100,000. Surplus & Undivided Profits, \$20,000

Our Aim in Business

WE DESIRE to make the First National the Bank of the People. The small depositor receives the same courteous treatment and consideration that is extended to the largest, within the limits of safe and conservative banking. Officers give personal attention to all details. Directors meet regularly and frequently, and keep closely in touch with the current business. Every safeguard known to safe and successful banking is availed of, and our past success is the best criterion by which to judge the security of the future.

THE FIRST NATIONAL is pre-eminently the Bank of the Frontier. Its stockholders belong here. Its interests are those of our best and most progressive citizens. We offer to our customers, present and prospective, the advantages of the largest capital and surplus of any bank in this section, and of the safe and conservative banking methods which have resulted in the successful building up of this bank in the past twelve years.

Its financial position is established, and the energy, experience and business ability of the management will continue to be wholly directed to the maintenance and increase of these advantages.

OFFICERS:

William Kelly, Pres. S. L. Dworman, 1st. Vice Pres.
W. M. Ratcliffe, 2d Vice Pres. A. Ashheim, Cashier
James B. Wells, Attorney

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We Solicit the Patronage of All

OUR FUNDS are protected in a fire-proof vault and by the best safes to be obtained; and are further covered by insurance against burglary or daylight robbery. Our officers are under bond in the best surety companies.

People who intrust their money to a bank have a right to know its financial strength. We recognize this right and will cheerfully furnish any depositor a statement of our condition any day in the year. Absolute safety is the best thing we have to offer, and upon this basis your account is solicited.

LODGE DIRECTORY.

Masonic—Rio Grande Lodge, No. 81, meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in each month.
BENJ. KOWALSKI, W. M.
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Knights of Honor—No. 3736, meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month.
Dr. F. J. CONNER, Dictator.
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Knights of Pythias—Brownsville Lodge, No. 899, meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in each month.
BENJ. KOWALSKI, C. C.
A. W. Wood, K. of R. S.
Red Men—Aztec Tribe, No. 193, meets every Friday night.
J. W. BUCHANAN, Sachem.
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Woodmen of the World—Aztec Camp, No. 89, meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays in each month.
C. H. THORN, C. C.
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Frontier Camp, No. 1822, W. O. W.—meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month.
R. H. HICKLEY, C. C.
R. A. McGARY, Clerk.
A. O. U. W.—Progress, No. 18, meets every other Monday night.
J. P. ODUM, M. W.
C. A. H. MOORE, Sec.
LADIES LODGES.
Eastern Star—Hope Chapter, No. 124, meets 1st and 3rd Fridays in each month.
MRS. C. H. KOWALSKI, W. M.
ANNA J. KENEDY, Sec.
Woodmen Circle—Orange Grove, No. 335, meets 1st and 3rd Saturdays in each month.
MRS. BENJ. KOWALSKI, Guard.
MISS MARY EGLEY, Clerk.
Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W.—Cora Rutledge Lodge, meets alternate Mondays.
MRS. CORA RUTLEDGE, C. of H.
JAN. T. DENTON, Sec.

Much Writing in Wall Street.

"Not in twenty years has there been so much letter writing in Wall Street as there is just now," says a broker who joined the stock exchange in 1873. "Clerks are working overtime sending out appeals to customers to settle outstanding obligations. The mails have been deluged with duns. Many of the accounts are small, but customers are 'broke'; in many cases 'dead broke.' The long strain and drain wiped out paper profits and margins, leaving a net loss. The brokers are not making anything just now, and lots of them are actually hard up for funds. They have expensive establishments to keep up. But brokers are just like other people in at least one respect, namely, when they want money due their they cannot grasp the fact that the debtor may be in a more hopeless condition than they. There are a great many wrecks on the shore of the street. When the upward turn comes everybody will pay up."

This Villa Follows Sol.

A dwelling house, or villa, which turns with the sun has been designed by MM. Pellegrin & Petit, Parisian architects, and exhibited at the Exposition de l'Habitat, Paris. The house, in fact, is heliostatic, and emulates the sunflower. The foundation is a sort of turntable resting on ball bearings, and the house can be turned by hand or by means of a motor. In very hot sunshine the front rooms and the back can be made to exchange places. The general object of the plan, however, is to get as much sunshine as possible. The movement in following the sun is a few inches every hour, and the inhabitants hardly perceive it. When mechanism is employed the house turns once round in twenty-four hours.

England Not Self-Supporting.

Sixty years ago the United Kingdom was practically self-feeding, while today more than half of its meats and more than two-thirds of its grains are of foreign origin. In 1840 it purchased from abroad only 23,000,000 hundredweight of food of all kinds, while now it purchases 304,000,000.

Notice.

Persons holding public improvement bonds numbers eighteen (18) nineteen (19) and twenty (20), Series of 1889, of City of Brownsville, Texas, are hereby notified that I am now ready to take up and pay said bonds, and that interest on said bonds, Nos. 18, 19 and 20, will cease on and after Dec. 31, 1904.

GEO. M. PITTEGNAT,

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